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Senator William C. Smith, Jr., Chair Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair Judicial Proceedings Committee Miller Senate Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 535 (cf HB 593)

Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Meeting Requirements

Position: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Hearing Date: February 26, 2021

Dear Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Committee Members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Action Committee ("MD-LAC") of the Community Associations Institute ("CAI"). CAI represents individuals and professionals who reside in or work with community associations (condominiums, homeowners' associations, and cooperatives) throughout the State of Maryland.

We support SB 535 which clarifies that if a quorum is not obtained and an additional meeting is called, that the additional meeting shall not be held until a specified number of days has passed. We suggest one amendment to page 2, line 23 of the bill changing "15" to "10" to more closely follow the requirement that meetings may be held upon 10 days' notice.

We are available to answer any questions the Committee Members may have. Please feel free to contact Lisa Harris Jones, lobbyist for the MD-LAC, at 410-366-1500, or by e-mail at lisa.jones@mdlobbyist.com, or Steven Randol, Chair of the MD-LAC, 410-279-8054, or by e-

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Sincerely,

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